



## Thomas Cassidy Dies In Jackson

WAS WELL KNOWN OWNER OF SHOPPENAGONS INN

Family Summoned But Arrived Too Late

At about 6:00 o'clock this Thursday morning news was received that Thomas Cassidy, well known proprietor of Shoppengons Inn, had passed away at Mercy hospital, Jackson, Mich.

At about 4:00 o'clock a. m., a message was received saying that Mr. Cassidy's condition was low and for the family to come at once. Mrs. Cassidy and son Joe left by auto at 6:00 a. m. but were unable to reach there before Mr. Cassidy passed away.

For several years he had been suffering from hernia and he went to Mercy hospital at Jackson, Mich., for treatment and to be fitted with a new truss. While there he submitted to an operation on December 16th and seemed to be getting along very nicely. Mrs. Cassidy and daughters Mrs. Victor Thelen of Grand Rapids, and Sister Mary Panofsky of Saginaw visited him over Christmas. Since returning home Mrs. Cassidy said that Tom was getting along nicely and intended to be home next Saturday. Evidently a sudden turn in his condition proved fatal.

The news of Mr. Cassidy's death was a very severe shock to Grayling people, especially among the local business men. The news spread rapidly and everywhere there is the sentiment of sincere sorrow and sympathy for the family.

The limited time before going to press precludes an extensive resume of Mr. Cassidy's interesting career. This we hope to be able to present in our next edition. He was one of our most progressive business men and was always identified with any community movement for the good of Grayling. He was loyal to Grayling's interests and gave generously toward its promotion. He was one of those who could always be counted upon to do his part. And among his personal friends he was a "prince of a fellow," and was usually included whenever there was anything doing. Tom Cassidy is going to be missed here in many ways, and we feel that Grayling has lost one of its most worthy citizens. He was a member of our Village council and of the Knights of Columbus.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The remains will be brot to Grayling and are expected to arrive this evening.

Honorable Council of the Village of Grayling:

Gentlemen: It is with deep and sincere regret that I must inform your honorable body of the death of our brother Councilman and distinguished public spirited of the citizens whose names have been identified with the making of Grayling. I refer to Thomas Cassidy, whose passing this Thursday morning leaves a place in the life of our city which cannot be filled. It is not for me to recall in de-



## Winter Sports Carnival

Sat. and Sun.

January 20-21

Don't miss this gala event.

Enjoy two days of fun at Graylings wonderful Winter Park.

Everything for fun and thrills. Besides you'll enjoy the carnival functions—Queen and her Court and the Carnival sports and stunts

## Carnival Dance

Sat. Jan. 20

tail the events in the life of this fine citizen. They are known to all who are acquainted with the development of this community. I therefore, recommend that your honorable body, by appropriate resolution take such action as will in some measure set forth the community debt of gratitude to an outstanding civic leader and a generous lover of his city, state and country.

Signed,  
Mayor C. G. Clippert.

The Village Council acknowledges the untimely death of their brother Councilman and to commemorate his glowing memory, do hereby pass the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Village Council of Grayling, Michigan extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies. That we mourn with them the loss of so noble a husband, father, and brother. That we bid them find comfort in the memories that are theirs and that we assure them that we, too, shall ever treasure and revere the name, life and deeds of our departed fellow Councilman, Thomas Cassidy. Whereas, he was an outstanding citizen retaining the respects of men for his leadership and their affections for his integrity.

Signed,  
C. G. Clippert, Mayor.  
E. L. Sparkes, Village Clerk.

## A & P Co. Loses Case Against Village

APPEAL WAS MADE TO SUPREME COURT

Would Force Village To Grant Beer Licenses

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. lost its appeal case in the State Supreme court against Village President C. J. McNamara, and others of the Village council when the Supreme court, in session last Friday, denied its application.

This case first came up in the Circuit court of Crawford county, charging that the then village president, C. J. McNamara and members of the council were in default in not approving the application of the A. & P. Co. for a license to sell beer.

Attorneys Cook & Cook of Saginaw represented the defendants in the case (Village council), and A. & P. Co. attorneys the plaintiffs. Judge Guy E. Smith handed down a verdict in favor of the defendants and against the A. & P. Co. The latter had carried the case up to the State Supreme court, where it had its final hearing December 29th and rendered a decision in favor of the council members.

Following is a copy of the Supreme Court order: At a session of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, held at the Supreme Court room, in the Capital, in the City of Lansing, on the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

Present the Honorable John S. McDonald, Chief Justice, Thomas A. E. Weadock, William W. Potter, Nelson Sharpe, Walter H. North, Louis H. Fead, Howard Wiest, Henry M. Butzel, Associate Justices.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Plaintiff and Appellant, vs 376724 Charles J. McNamara, et al., Defendants.

In this cause an application is filed by plaintiff for leave to appeal from an order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, and a brief in opposition thereto having been filed by defendants, and due consideration thereof having been had by the Court. It is ordered that the application be and the same is hereby denied, as recent legislation has rendered question for review moot.

I, Jay Mertz, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered in said court in said cause; that I have compared the same with the original, and that it is a true transcript therefrom, and the whole of said original order.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Supreme Court at Lansing, this 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

Jay Mertz, Clerk.

## No Jury Drawn For Circuit Court

JANUARY TERM BEGINS TUESDAY, JAN. 9TH

Altho it is customary to draw a jury for the January term of Circuit court, this was done away with at this time, upon consent of parties involved in cases. Criminal cases listed are ones carried over from last term, and are awaiting sentence.

Among the chancery cases appearing on the calendar are the following:

Bank of Grayling—bankrupt. Grayling Manufacturing Co.—petition for dissolution. Martha M. Douglas, Margaret Douglas, Edgar Douglas, and John Sunday vs. John J. Ruhling and Elizabeth Ruhling—bill to foreclose land contract. Royal A. Wright, Sigrid S. Kaumeyer, Carl Tahvonen and Frank Ahman vs. George Colleen—Injunction.

Laura Louise Darroch vs. George B. J. Darroch—divorce. One civil case appears—Central Waxed Paper Co., vs. A. R. Craig—assault.

## ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



## Queen Election On January 11-12-13

MERCHANTS OFFER VALUABLE FAVORS

Many Attractive Girls Enter Contest

The Winter Sports committee, on behalf of the Winter Sports association, wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Grayling merchants for their splendid cooperation and generously contributing to the Carnival Queen contest. The following is a list of the various offerings:

Winter Sports Assn.—Complete winter sports costume for the Queen.

The Grayling State Savings Bank—\$2.00 deposit for Queen.

John Bruun—\$2.00 cash for 3rd runner-up.

Burrows' Meat Market—\$2.00 in trade or cash for 1st runner-up.

Grayling Mercantile Co.—One pair chifon hose each for Queen and Court.

The Great A. & P. Tea Co.—\$5.00 cash for Queen.

Grayling Box Co.—\$5.00 cash for Queen.

Grayling Fuel Co.—\$5.00 for 1st runner-up.

Blanche's Beauty Shop—Marcel and fingerwave for Queen.

Gothro's Barber Shop—Haircut or shampoo for Queen and Court.

Grayling 5c to \$1.00 Store—One pair hose for 4th runner-up.

Connors Grocery—3 pound box of candy for Queen and 1 pound box to each one of Court.

Grayling Hardware Co.—One pair skis for 4th runner-up.

Cornin Auto Sales—To furnish car and driver for Queen and Court during carnival.

Kraus' Dry Good Store—One pair hose for 2nd runner-up.

Standard Oil Co., Agent—\$1.00 for 2nd runner-up.

Alfred Hanson—Will furnish car for Ex-Queen and her court during carnival.

Lovely's Restaurant—\$1.00 cash for Queen.

Rialto Barber and Beauty Shoppe—Haircut and either fingerwave or shampoo for 1st and 3rd runners-up.

Betty Mae Beauty Shoppe—Manicure for Queen and her Court.

Paddy's Grill—Special luncheon for Queen and Court and ex-queen.

Redson and Cooley Gift Shop—One pair chifon hose each for Queen and Court.

Parsons and Wakeley—\$1.00 cash for 3rd runner-up.

Moshier Oil Co.—Toilet articles for Queen.

Olson's Shoe Store—Choice of one pair shoes for Queen.

Hanson Hardware Co.—One pair tubular skates for Queen.

Sorenson & Son Sporting Goods—Three-pound box candy for 1st runner-up.

Mac & Gidley's Rexall Store—\$5.00 cash for 2nd runner-up.

AuSable Service, F. Ahman, Prop.—5 gallons gas for Queen.

Avalanche—1 box of printed stationery for Queen.

Grayling Laundry—\$1.00 cash for 4th runner-up.

Dra. Keyport & Clippert—\$5.00 for Carnival.

Spike's Beer Garden—\$1.00 cash

for 2nd runner-up.

Central Drug Store—One set seventeen toilet articles for presentation by Queen to ex-queen.

Sorenson's Furniture Store—1 pair skis for Queen.

F. J. Mills—Compact for 4th runner-up.

Shoppengons Inn—Special luncheon for Queen and Court and ex-queen.

Pure Food Store—\$2.00 cash for 3rd runner-up.

A. J. Trudeau—One colored portrait for Queen.

Hanson's Restaurant—Special luncheon for Queen and Court and ex-queen.

Grayling Bakery—Special cake for Queen.

Burke's Garage—\$2.00 in cash for 4th runner-up.

J. F. Smith—25c in cash for Queen.

Leo Schram—\$1.00 cash for Queen.

Schoonover's Garage—\$2.00 cash for 1st runner-up.

Chris Hoesli—\$1.00 cash for 2nd runner-up.

Emil Niederer Coal and Ice Co.—\$1.00 cash for 4th runner-up.

Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co.—\$2.50 for Queen; \$2.50 for 3rd runner-up.

Michigan Public Service Co.—Electric curling iron for Queen.

Cash & Carry Store—\$1.00 cash for Queen.

Bob's Place—\$1.00 cash for 4th runner-up.

Carl Sorenson—Hot oil shampoo for Queen and Court.

Dr. Green, Dentist—\$1.00 cash for 3rd runner-up.

AuSable Dairy—\$2.00 for 2nd runner-up.

Grayling Dairy—\$1.00 in cash for Queen.

Sparkes Insurance Agency—\$1.00 for 2nd runner-up.

Grayling Greenhouses—Corsages for the Queen and her court for Ball.

Bugby Notion Store—\$1.00 cash for 2nd runner-up.

E. N. Lozon Garage—\$1.00 cash for 3rd runner-up.

Cripps Dry Cleaning—Will dry clean dress or coat for 1st runner-up.

In appreciation of such generosity from the Grayling merchants, the Committee expects the candidates to do their parts in making this election a real contest. Much can be done by vigorous campaigning, so, candidates, the committee turns the success of the election over to you.

In response to the request made last week for candidates for this year's Queen, the following names have been entered:

Grayling  
Lucilla Larson  
Estella Larson  
Lula Malone  
Elma Mae Sorenson  
Muriel DelaMater  
Pauline Lietz  
Nadine McNeven  
Helen Brady  
Elaine McDonnell  
Thelma Chappel  
Beverly Schaible  
Matilda Engel  
Ruth Chamberlain-Ward  
Virginia Kraus  
Zonella Walls

Frederic  
Jennie Lee Raymond  
Reva Burke

## Lovells

Florence Kellogg  
These are the girls for whom to vote on January 11, 12 and 13 at the Grayling Post Office.

After the election, the Queen and her Court will be entirely in the hands of the Queen's Reception Committee.

Mrs. Louise Connine has accepted the chairmanship of this Committee, and has named the following co-workers to assist her in making the Queen's debut a spectacular and gracious event:

Mrs. Esbern Olson  
Mrs. Claude Keyport  
Mrs. Clarence Clippert  
Mrs. Lorane Sparkes  
Mrs. Elmer Slaven  
Mrs. A. J. Joseph

Don't forget, the voting booth is to be opened on January 11 and close at 6 p. m. January 13, under the supervision of Miss Wilma Burrows, and the public is asked to make an effort to visit the booth on one of the three voting days.

## Wm. Gray In Jail For Arson

PLEADS GUILTY TO OFFENSE COMMITTED IN 1931

Sheriff Frank Bennett put another feather in his hat this week when he brot to the bar of justice William Gray, age 37, charged with setting fire to his father's property with the idea of cashing in on the insurance. His father is Frank Gray and for many years was a resident of Grayling but now resides in Gaylord.

The fire occurred July 29th, 1931 and was a total loss, and the father collected from the insurance Company the sum of \$1,000.00.

The family had moved out and taken up a residence in Gaylord. It is reported that effort was made to sell or rent the Grayling home but without success and the home stood vacant for some time. There was a \$200.00 mortgage on the new home in Gaylord and money was not readily available. Then it was that the son, according to his confession, set fire to the old home and set fire to the old home and, up to this time, successfully evaded detection.

He drove his car, according to his story, to Grayling and parked it near the railroad. He next went to the home and left a lighted candle in a can of gasoline so that when it burned down to a certain point it would ignite the gasoline and there would be an explosion and quite insure a successful conflagration.

It worked successfully and now he is in jail awaiting circuit court where he says he will plead guilty.

Sheriff Bennett remembered the time when the fire occurred and quietly began an investigation, picking up a little evidence here and there until finally the finger of accusation pointed to young Gray. The latter family residing in Gaylord, Bennett confided his information with sheriff Deadman of Gaylord who from that time assisted him in his efforts until finally last New Year morning our sheriff telegraphed the Gaylord sheriff to arrest William Gray and saying that a warrant charging him with the crime of arson awaited him here.

At that time State Fire Marshal

McKenna and U. S. Fire Marshal Don Lepley of Clare were notified and they soon had a complete confession out of Gray. Bennett brot him to Grayling Tuesday and the next morning he was bound over to Circuit court for arraignment, and in the meantime is being held in jail without bail.

Gray at one time was employed for several years as a prison guard at Jackson prison and also at the state reformatory at Ionia.

The officers in no way connect the father, Frank Gray, with having had anything to do with the crime. Grayling people will well remember the parent as a splendid, honest old gentleman, and we are pleased to find that he is in no way implicated.

The best thing about this whole situation is that people don't look skeptical when anyone says that things are better. Instead, the other fellow agrees with you. We have passed beyond the region of hope into the realm of faith, faith in the future, generally shared by everybody. It won't be long, now.

## 30 Days In Jail For Stealing Gas

Walter Madzelowski, of Hamtramck, a member of CCC Camp No. 672, was arrested last week by Sheriff Frank Bennett, charging him with stealing radiator caps, blankets and gasoline from autos. Madzelowski plead guilty to the charge and is now serving 30 days in jail.

These offenses were committed last summer and early in the fall and Sheriff Bennett has been working on the case ever since. It goes to show that Frank eventually gets his man and it isn't going to pay anyone around here to trespass upon others property rights nor commit criminal offenses.

There are a few other fellows around town who are going to "get theirs" too. Just a little more evidence is all that is needed to bring the offenders into court.

Suspicion points to parties for offenses which they no doubt believe are past apprehension, but some day they're going to be surprised. Our citizens and courts should get behind Sheriff Bennett in his effort to gurtal crime.

## Very Delightful Charity Party

In spite of zero weather and icy streets and roads a very good sized crowd attended the Charity Ball given for the benefit of Mercy Hospital Friday evening at the school gymnasium.

The decorating committee under the supervision of Mrs. Ernest Hoesli arranged green boughs and pastel shade streamers so that the gym presented a very festive air for the occasion. The streamers were hung from wires which had been stretched to form a wheel, from the hub of which long pink ribbon-like loops hung halfway to the floor. Christmas trees lighted with bright colored bulbs enclosed the dance floor making a cozy, warm appearance. The rail of the balcony had been hidden by green boughs which are so appropriate at the holiday season. This idea was also carried out in the stage setting which had been arranged for the orchestra.

Judd's Varsity Vagabonds of Cheboygan furnished excellent music for which much appreciation was expressed during the evening. Two members of the band gave some specialties in tap dancing during the evening, which were enjoyed by the crowd.

There was just enough informality to give the party a gay and merry atmosphere so essential to the spirit of an occasion of this sort, when everyone is out to celebrate the holiday season.

The lunch, under the direction of the Nurses Alumnae Assn., was served on small tables arranged around the balcony of the gym.

Committees responsible for the very pleasant affair were: General chairman, Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Decorations: Mrs. Ernest Hoesli, Mrs. S. Flowers, Mrs. Roy Milnes, Mrs. C. J. McNamara, Mrs. Harold McNeven, Mrs. J. C. Green. Tickets and Advertising: Miss Margrethe Bauman, Miss Irene McKay, Mrs. Scott Stammler, Mrs. Geo. Olson, Mrs. Emil Niederer, Mrs. Adolph Peterson. Music: Mrs. Geo. Olson.

Some \$40 was netted from the affair which will be turned over to Mercy Hospital.

The committee wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the party.

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This weather people are appreciating insulated homes. With the thermometer down below the zero mark you want all your heat to stay inside.

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## TAKE AWAY PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

The Avalanche isn't quite in accord with the action by the county Board of Supervisors in passing a resolution taking away from the people the right to select the members of the County Board of Road Commissioners. The resolution was passed unanimously by the board in session Wednesday.

At the time that county boards of road commissioners were instituted by the state legislature, it was then optional with the county boards of supervisors to determine whether the members of the board should be selected by that body or by being placed upon the ballot for the voters to manifest their choice. The former method was adopted by the supervisors and that system prevailed for several years.

But many of the people were not satisfied with that way of election and petitions were presented to the board of supervisors in session on June 25, 1930 asking that members of the county board of road commissioners be selected by popular election, the names of candidates to be placed upon the ballot. Accordingly a resolution approving the request of the petitioners was passed with but one dissenting vote—Albert Lewis of Fred- ertic.

Since at time the voters have selected the members of the commission by ballot. And now the present board of supervisors goes back on what was then the wishes of the people. We feel that that wish still stands. The board of supervisors voted to take this authority from the voters and to place it in the power of their own organization.

Just why this lack of confidence in our voters isn't easy to understand. The members seemed to feel justified for their action because of what we believe is a false apprehension, that by the popular vote system the people of Grayling would vote only for candidates from this village and that soon the other townships of the county would be without representation. We cannot believe that that is true. We believe that it is most important that the board be made up of successful business men, and the greater executive ability they may have, the better. If that man comes from Grayling, we would wish his election; and if he comes from a remote part of Crawford county we would just as readily vote for him. The Road Commission handles a lot of money every year and the members have a heavy responsibility to the people, and we should select the very best men we can get to serve upon it. Where he may come from makes no difference. We believe we speak the sentiment and principles of the voters of Grayling in making that statement. If he comes from Grayling, all right; but if a proven better man comes from an outlying township, then vote for him instead.

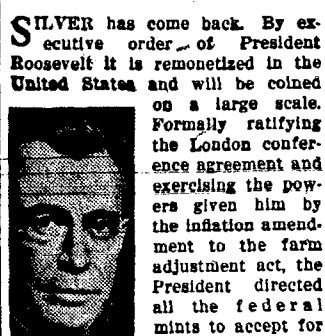
We know that the people of Grayling are not narrow and selfish and that they are just as anxious to have efficiency on this important board as are the members of the board of supervisors. We trust that the ulterior motives of each and every man on the board of supervisors are honest and would work for the interest and good of the whole people and that no personal aspirations on the part of any member may be back of this move. But the sudden determination to take away a privilege that the voters have had for several years makes us look with apprehension upon it.

They creation of new desires which make for a higher standard of living has been due largely to the power of advertising. New services and products which add to human satisfaction, comfort and convenience would make slow headway without advertising to create a new demand on the part of

## News Review of Current Events the World Over

**Silver Remonetized by Order of President—Recovery Program Developments—Huey Long's Income Tax Under Investigation.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD



Senator Pittman

SILVER has come back. By executive order of President Roosevelt it is remonetized in the United States and will be coined on a large scale.

Formerly ratifying the London conference agreement and exercising the powers given him by the inflation amendment to the farm adjustment act, the President directed all the federal mints to accept for coinage all silver mined hereafter in the United States

or its possessions, up to 24,000,000 ounces a year, at a price of 64 1/2 cents an ounce. This is to be in force for four years.

The government split the present legal price of \$1.29 an ounce for silver in half in reaching a purchase figure which is 19 cents an ounce over the present open market.

"This proclamation," the President wrote, "in accordance with the act of congress, opens our mints to the coinage of standard silver dollars from silver hereafter produced in the United States, or its possessions, subject to the depositors of such silver surrendering to the government one-half of it as seigniorage and to cover all usual charges and expenses. The dollar coined from half of such newly mined silver will be returned to the depositor. The half surrendered to the government will be retained by the treasury."

Mr. Roosevelt, in ratifying the agreement, pointed out that such action had already been taken by the government of India and that other nations concerned were ready also to act.

Most jubilant of all public men over the President's action was Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, who, as a delegate to the London conference, took a leading part in drawing up the silver agreement. He foresees greatly increased export business as a result of the move because the buying power of the silver-using countries of the Far East, especially China and India, is lifted by about 50 per cent.

Senator Pittman said the effect of the new order would be to take into the treasury about 24,000,000 ounces of silver, to coin one-half of it and deliver it to the owner or depositor of the silver. The other 50 per cent will be retained as bullion in the treasury. It is his expectation that the new order of the White House will give great encouragement to the silver mining regions in the West.

BOTH the federal Surplus Relief corporation and the agricultural adjustment administration have been purchasing commodities for the relief of the idle, and thereby economy and efficiency have suffered. Such purchasing operations have now been consolidated in the Surplus Relief corporation.

The administration also was completing plans for utilizing the Surplus Relief corporation as a device for retiring millions of acres of submarginal lands from cultivation. The work is being directed by Rexford G. Tugwell, assistant secretary of agriculture, and it is planned to use funds of the public works administration to purchase the economically unproductive areas.

OFFICIALS of 21 railroad unions met in Chicago and adopted a program of desired legislation that includes a six-hour working day for the million or more railway workers in the country as a means of increasing employment.

A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who acted as chairman at the meeting, estimated that a six-hour day would cost the railroads of the country \$300,000,000 annually. The railroads themselves have estimated the probable cost at twice that amount, he admitted.

AFTER receiving a report from an investigating committee headed by Robert S. Lynd, the consumers' advisory board of the NRA recommended the establishment of a consumers' standards board that would be charged with the development of means of enforcing accurate labeling. Among the articles named as needing quality grading are gasoline, razor blades and children's shoes. Legitimate industry, in the opinion of the board, is encountering destructive competition from unethical producers who are reducing the quality of their products to fill the gap in their profits caused by enforcement of NRA wage and employment standards.

Administrator Hugh S. Johnson was busy trying to clear up the situation concerning the cleaners and dyers. Many in this industry had

been cited for prosecution for refusing to comply with prescribed minimum prices. The cash-and-carry cleaners contended these prices were so high that their business would be ruined.

Johnson defended the prices prescribed as "reasonable and fair for the quality of cleaning which the public has the right to expect," but conceded that "there is some demand for lower quality or so-called scamped work."

"Accordingly," he continued, "cleaners who wish to maintain higher prices and higher standards, may join with the President to continue the minimum prices originally approved and such cleaners will be given the right to display the blue eagle with appropriate insignia yet to be decided on, indicating they are maintaining higher quality and higher prices."

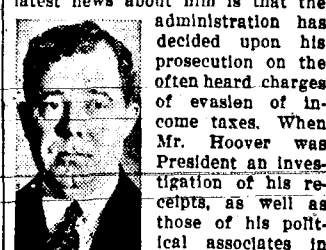
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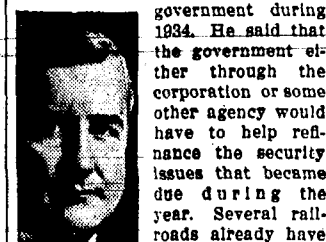
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**SILVER** has come back. By executive order of President Roosevelt it is remonetized in the United States and will be coined on a large scale. Formerly, following the London conference agreement and exercising the powers given him by the inflation amendment to the farm adjustment act, the President directed all the federal mints to accept for coinage all silver mined hereafter in the United States.

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The government split the present legal price of \$1.29 an ounce for silver in half in reaching a purchase figure which is 19 cents an ounce over the present open market.

"This proclamation," the President wrote, "in accordance with the act of congress, opens our mints to the coinage of standard silver dollars from silver hereafter produced in the United States, or its possessions, subject to the depositors of such silver surrendering to the government one-half of it as seigniorage and to cover all usual charges and expenses. The dollar coined from half of such newly mined silver will be returned to the depositor. The half surrendered to the government will be retained by the treasury."

Mr. Roosevelt, in ratifying the agreement, pointed out that such action had already been taken by the government of India and that other nations concerned were ready also to act.

Most jubilant of all public men over the President's action was Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, who, as a delegate to the London conference, took a leading part in drawing up the silver agreement. He foresees greatly increased export business as a result of the move because the buying power of the silver-using countries of the Far East, especially China and India, is lifted by about 50 per cent.

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Miss Norrine Berry, of Indian River, came Friday and attended the Charity Ball as the guest of Marius Hanson.

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Miss Margaret Hanson left Tuesday night for Detroit where she will be met by her sister, Miss Ella, who has been visiting Mr. James K. Shiersen at the home of his parents in Adrian. From Detroit they will go to Ann Arbor to visit friends at the University where they were former students.

Miss Jayne Keyport left Tuesday night to return to Nashville, Tenn., where she will take up her studies at Ward Belmont, after having spent a three weeks vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport. She was accompanied as far as Detroit by her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon of Lovells, who have been caretakers for Mr. and Mrs. Boutell for the past two years, left their summer home on the North Branch known as "The Sunbeams", left last Thursday for Foley, Alabama, where they take over the work for Mr. and Mrs. Boutell at their quail reserve. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon will motor to Alabama again this year. They found the trip very delightful last year when they went. Mr. and Mrs. Boutell of Saginaw will join them about February 1st.

New Year's Day is generally known as the Frenchmen's holiday and is the occasion for much celebration. One French family enjoyed the day together, that of Mr. and Mrs. David LaMotte of the parental home. They feasted and made merry. There were 24 in all and besides Mr. and Mrs. LaMotte there were the granddaughter, Betty LaMotte who makes her home with them, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry LaMotte, five of the Frank LaMotte family, Mr. and Mrs. John LaMotte and Mr. Kermis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaMotte and five children, and four of the Dolph Sancier family.

Mrs. Peter Lovely is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. H. C. Schmidt and son Howard were in Detroit for over New Years.

Dance every Saturday night at Temple Theatre. Gents 35c, ladies 10c. Square and round dances.

Mrs. Calvin Church and Mrs. Lon Collins are spending a few days in Detroit this week.

Mrs. Ernest Valmer of Frederic was admitted to Mercy Hospital.

Miss Helen Millikin had as her guest for over New Years, Francis Warner of St. Helen.

The new 1934 Buick is on display at the Schoonover Garage. Call and see it.

Harry Pickett of Pickett & Goodwin, contractors of Allegan, was in town Wednesday on business.

Dr. Stanley Stealy, who has been a patient in Mercy Hospital for the past few months, was dismissed Tuesday.

Miss Bunny Montour has returned to Detroit after having spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

Mrs. Alfred Hanson accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson and Chris Jensen spent Tuesday in Cadillac on business.

A nice crowd enjoyed the dance at the Temple theatre last Saturday night. These parties are continuing weekly on Saturday nights.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Martin on Wednesday, Jan. 10th.

Miss Jayne Keyport was hostess to a number of her friends at an informal affair at her home preceding the Charity Ball Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Bay City, were New Years guests of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Green.

Adolph Peterson resumed his duties at the Hanson Hardware Tuesday, after being detained at home for several days with the flu.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan slipped on the ice on her way from St. Mary's church Monday and injured her back. However she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry and Francis Boufford of Detroit celebrated New Years at the home of Mr. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry.

Rose Ellen Perry and little brother Donny of Cheboygan are spending a few weeks here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry.

Charles Wylie has returned to Olivet College to take up study again, after having spent a three weeks vacation with his mother, Mrs. Floyd Goshorn.

Miss Elizabeth Matson left Sunday evening for Flint and Detroit, from where she will return to Battle Creek to resume her studies at Battle Creek College.

Misses Ann and Helen Brady returned back on Monday night.

Alfred Hanson C. J. Green Frank Bennett A. S. Burrows A. J. Joseph Howard Granger Peter Lovely Herluf Sorenson Carl Sorenson George Sorenson & Sons H. J. Gothro Kenneth Gothro Hanson Hardware Co.

Miss Odie Sheehy entertained at the last of the series of parties given by St. Mary's card clubs Saturday night. Lunch was served on small tables with the table decorations in keeping with the holidays. Mrs. Floyd McClain and Mrs. Liland Smock held the high scores for bridge for the club, and Mrs. David Montour received the guest prize.

Grayling High School first and second basketball teams will go to Kalkaska tomorrow night for games with the teams there, then next week there will be a game here on Wednesday night, Jan. 10, when Boyne City will come seeking revenge for the defeat Grayling handed them before the holidays. There should be a large crowd out for the game Wednesday night to show the High School quintet you are with them. Boyne City will come fighting.

LEST WE FORGET

In these days of business recovery when many of us who have known the pinch of poverty are again able to bring home the welcome pay envelope, let us not forget the man who befriended us when we most needed friendship—the merchant who extended us credit when he knew we just didn't have the money to pay.

It is easy to avoid the man to whom we owe money, but it is not right to do so. If we have any money to spend, any goods to buy, he is the man to whom we should go.

Our local merchant, especially, undoubtedly extended credit as a friendly act. He will be reasonable in arranging payment. Let us show our gratitude, walk in and shake hands, and give him the benefit of our present business.—Record, Brunswick, Me.

Make Good for Mistakes

"Do not be forever regretful of a mistake," said El Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "but endeavor to balance it off by a series of worthy endeavors."

Tax Payers

Jan. 8, 1934 is the last day on which you may pay taxes without penalty.

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WE DO OUR PART

Miss Veronica Lovely left today for Mt. Pleasant to resume her studies at the Central State Normal college.

Miss Evelyn Johnson of Bay City spent a few days here last week visiting friends and attended the Charity Ball.

Russell Robertson left the last of the week for Engadine, Mich., where he is visiting friends over New Years.

Mrs. Adolph Peterson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peterson to the Central State Normal college.

Marius Hanson returned to Big Rapids Monday to resume his studies at Ferris Institute, after having spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hansine Hanson.

Stanley Stephan returned to his studies at Ferris Institute after having spent his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan.

Miss Agda Johnson has returned to Ferris Institute after having spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson.

Any of the nominees listed who may wish to withdraw from the queen contest may do so by notifying the Avalanche office by Saturday noon, Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Flowers are moving from the Carl Peterson residence to the Burke apartments, the one formerly occupied by the Dr. Moffat family.

A small blaze caused from an overheated stovepipe at the beer warehouse of Chris Hoesli called out the fire department about 11:00 o'clock last Friday night. It did little damage.

President Roosevelt, in his address to Congress Wednesday, stated that Finland was the only debtor country that had fulfilled its financial obligations in full with the U. S. This must be inspiring news to our local Finnish population.

Mrs. John Holliday of St. Helens is in Grayling for a few days, coming to install officers of the L. N. L. last evening. Mrs. Holliday is a life member of the National executive board of the L. N. L., the highest position that may be held in the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sales and the latter's father John Charlesfour and Mrs. Flagg and granddaughter Margaret spent Christmas at the home of Colburn Charlesfour in Elk Rapids. Mrs. John Charlesfour is spending the winter with her son and family there.

In the guessing contest put on by the Michigan Public Service Co. Karl Sherman guessed the nearest figures as to the average cost of operating an electric stove for a month. The company's average was \$3.983 and Sherman's guess was \$3.97. The prize was an electric "Toaster."

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trudeau entertained her mother, Mrs. Eva Wingard's brothers and sisters and their husbands or wives last Friday evening. The evening was spent pleasantly and a nice lunch served. Mrs. Wingard left Monday to visit her son Will Wingard at Alma, expecting to remain indefinitely.

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U. S. CLEARS UP IDENTITY OF HANGED "FLINT" YOUTH

Canon City, Colo., Dec. 14—(AP)—Officials at the Colorado penitentiary said today that the youth hanged here as Walter Jones, formerly of Flint, Mich., had been identified through U. S. Fingerprint Bureau experts as John E. Morgan, once an inmate of the Michigan State Reformatory at Ionia.

Jones declined to talk about his relatives, but prison guards reported that he had a family in Flint.

Prison officials said Flint authorities "knew the youth only as a tramp, arrested for carrying a revolver."—Detroit News.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the above Walter Jones seems to have baffled the efforts of officials ever since the youth was first apprehended nearly a year ago. At that time his address was given as Flint and Grayling, Mich., and the newspaper picture of him was believed to have been that of Edward Barnes, a former Grayling boy. Now it develops that his name was Morgan and that Barnes is in jail at Gaylord.

It certainly is a relief to Grayling people to find that the executed youth was not really a Grayling boy. Sheriff Bennett says that Barnes is really in jail in Gaylord. He is charged with having broken into summer cottages near Gaylord.

OLD RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

John Dixon passed away at his home on the South side on New Years Eve at about 8:30 o'clock. He had taken suddenly sick on the 24th of December and passed away the following Sunday; he had been in poor health for a number of years.

Mr. Dixon was 76 years old and was born in Henry county, Ohio, and raised in Fulton county, Ohio. He came to Michigan when he was 22 years of age and married Miss Sarah Clifford of Gratiot county. They moved to Grayling the following year. He had made several trips to the southern part of the state and Ohio, and one trip to Alabama and back, but for the past 22 years he has made his home in Grayling.

He leaves to mourn, his widow, Mrs. Sarah Dixon and two sons, Arthur and Clarence Dixon and families, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogg, niece and nephew and family, all of Grayling. Also he is survived by five half brothers and three half sisters, Herman Porter of St. Helens, H. O. Porter of Morenci, and the others reside in the state of Ohio. A brother-in-law Benjamin Clifford of Gratiot county also survives.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon with services at the Michelson Memorial church, officiated at by Rev. H. J. Salmon, and the choir rendered several hymns. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

WASHINGTON News Letter

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff, Tenth Michigan District)

For the first time in the history of the United States, Congress convenes in January, this having been brought about by adoption of the 20th amendment to the Constitution last Spring. With majorities of 293 in the House and 25 in the Senate, the Democrats are in a position to rush through any legislation agreed upon as necessary by the White House.

Speaker Rainey lauds the accomplishments of the Recovery Program, asserting that nothing remains for Congress to do but to pass the general supply bill, a liquor and revenue-revision measure and adjourn. He expresses the opinion that the Recovery Program is rapidly restoring the country to a state which will be the envy of the rest of the world. Neither he nor any of the other Administration leaders expresses concern about the six-billion-dollar budget for which Congress will be asked to provide the wherewithal. The enthusiasm of Speaker Rainey is matched, if not exceeded, by that of Professor Tugwell, Postmaster General Farley and other Administration leaders who are in charge of various activities established in the past few months. Professor Tugwell explains that the large expenditures being made in the name of recovery are but a small price to pay and confidently asserts that the billions represented can be paid back in one year of the prosperity which he says will surely and speedily follow.

Whether or not such optimism as this is justified, no one is in a position at this time to state definitely. We do know, however, that the time has passed when this or any other nation can support such waste as was represented in uncontrolled and unregulated exploitation of every avenue of profit. The victims of this waste, principally the farmers and unemployed millions, became so numerous and their plight so aggravated that a drastic change of some kind was demanded.

Each nation has been faced with the necessity of radical Governmental changes in the past few years. That there is little uniformity in method is not strange because each nation has its own peculiar problems. However, in no case has any one of them except the United States under the

present administration proceeded on the theory that a social order productive of self-sustaining security for all its citizens could be realized by raising commodity prices artificially, by extending the credit of the government to individuals and businesses, and by voluntarily surrendering public control over business and industrial practices through suspension of anti-trust laws.

President Roosevelt and his administrators proclaim that this method is succeeding, and have cited it as the model for the rest of the world to follow. They cite statistics of recovery to prove their point. The New Year of 1934 upon which we are entering will afford clearer judgments upon the soundness of these theories. It will demonstrate whether a program of further instability of the currency can lead to governmental control of price in a way to advance the welfare of all classes of our citizens, as has been announced will be the case.

May I express the hope that the coming year may mark the beginning of an era that will give to every American citizen an increased measure of comfort, of happiness, of prosperity; that it will herald the coming of a day when all these things will be continuous and when periods of depression with their attendant sufferings will have been ended. With this wish also goes the desire that the people of other countries can likewise enjoy the blessings of better times and that the nations of the world can, through a better understanding of the problems of each other, live in peace with all their neighbors.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Grayling and our neighbors and friends for their kindness and help in our recent sorrow and loss.

Mrs. John Dixon and Family.

Dull Headaches Gone Simple Remedy Does It

Headaches caused by constipation are gone after one dose of Adlerika. This cleans all poisons out of BOTH upper and lower bowels. Gives better sleep, ends nervousness.—McC & Gilley, Druggists.

Meet Carry Red Light

Barens, Ohio, has an ordinance specifying that "any ridden animal" appearing on the streets at night "shall display a red light at the rear end of said animal."

# SALE!

January and Pre-Inventory Clearance.

A 10 Day Sale of Winter Merchandise.

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## SEASON'S BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 5—Kalkaska. There. 1st and 2nd Teams.  
Jan. 10—Boyne City. Here.  
Jan. 12—West Branch. There. 1st and 2nd Teams.  
Jan. 19—Roscommon. Here. 1st and 2nd Teams.  
Jan. 26—Alpena (1st team). Here.  
Jan. 26—Houghton Lake (2nd team). Here.  
Feb. 2—St. Mary's (Gaylord) Here.  
Feb. 9—Kalkaska. Here. 1st and 2nd Teams.  
Feb. 16—Roscommon. There.  
Feb. 23—West Branch. Here. 1st and 2nd Teams.

## RUSSIA AND OTHER DEBTORS

Our form of government is our business. Russia's form of government is her business. We spent several hundred millions to promote a Russian revolution through a Mr. Kerenski, who squandered the money and miserably failed to deliver the oil and gold mining franchises to exploiters. We never hesitated to recognize the czars with their Krousts and Siberia and serfdom. Under the czar 90 per cent could not read or write. The new Russia is making the world's greatest effort to give every Russian child a free public school education and promises to beat the United States at the game. We need not fear that Russia will fail to pay her bills—she has promptly met every obligation and despite all handicaps never offered a plea of "inability to pay" as a means of dodging. In fact, Russia has offered to pay the questionable United States claims whenever an international commission shall determine the justice of them. How about our "gallant allies" to whom we have already donated nearly 10,000 millions of dollars?—Star-Clipper, Traer, Iowa.

## "LOVE, HONOR AND DECEIVE"

Howard Rockey's gripping new novel about a business girl who refused to employ romantic racketeering methods to get her man, begins next Sunday in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with The Detroit Sunday Times.

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